State of Misconsin



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2025 WISCONSIN ACT 18

AN ACT to renumber and amend 251.07; to amend 165.25 (6) (c), 251.07 (title), 252.04 (9) and 895.46 (5) (b); to create 251.07 (1) and 252.01 (5) of the statutes; relating to: state agency status for certain physician assistants and advanced practice nurses who provide services without compensation for local health departments or school districts.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 165.25 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

165.25 **(6)** (c) Physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurse prescribers under s. 251.07 or 252.04 (9) (b) are covered by this section and shall be considered agents of the department of health services for purposes of determining which agency head may request the attorney general to appear and defend them.

SECTION 2. 251.07 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

251.07 (title) Certain physicians health care providers; state agency status.

SECTION 3. 251.07 of the statutes is renumbered 251.07 (2) and amended to read:

251.07 (2) A physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber who is not an employee of the local health department and who provides services, without compensation, for those programs and services provided by a local health department that require medical oversight is, for the provision of the services he or she provides, a state agent of the department

of health services for the purposes of ss. 165.25 (6), 893.82 (3), and 895.46.

SECTION 4. 251.07 (1) of the statutes is created to read:

251.07 (1) In this section:

- (a) "Advanced practice nurse prescriber" means an advanced practice nurse who is certified under s. 441.16 (2) to issue prescription orders.
- (b) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under s. 448.974.

SECTION 5. 252.01 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

252.01 (5) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed under s. 448.974.

SECTION 6. 252.04 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

252.04 (9) (a) An immunization program under sub. (8) shall be supervised by a physician, <u>physician assistant</u>, or advanced practice nurse prescriber selected by the school district or local health department, who shall issue written orders for the administration of immunizations that are in accordance with written protocols issued by the department.

(b) If the physician, physician assistant, or advanced

^{*} Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

practice nurse prescriber under par. (a) is not an employee of the county, city, village or school district, receives no compensation for his or her services under par. (a) and acts under par. (a) in accordance with written protocols issued by the department, he or she is a state agent of the department for the purposes of ss. 165.25 (6), 893.82 (3) and 895.46.

(c) The department may disapprove the selection

made under par. (a) or may require the removal of a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber selected.

SECTION 7. 895.46 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

895.46 (5) (b) A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber under s. 251.07 or 252.04 (9) (b).